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Maine gives the right of suffrage to every male citizen of the United States who has resided in the State three months, excepting paupers, persons under guardianship, and Indians not taxed.

New Hampshire admits as electors "every male inhabitant," excepting paupers, and persons excused from paying taxes at their own request.

Massachusetts admits every male citizen twenty-one years old, excepting paupers and persons under guardianship; but no person can vote or be eligible to office who is not able to read the Constitution in the English language and write his name.

Rhode Island gives the ballot to every male citizen of full age, one year in the State, six months in the town, and who owns real estate worth \$131, or renting \$7 per year; and to every native male citizens, twenty-one years old, two years in the State, six months in the town, duly registered, who has paid \$1 tax or done militia service within the year.

Connecticut gives the ballot to all white citizens of full age, one year in the State, four months in the county, and six months in the town. Negroes who were free men (if any such survive) at the adoption of the State Constitution in 1818 may vote. The question of negro suffrage was submitted to the people October 2, 1865; whole vote 66,700; majority against, 6,272—in a State that in April of the same year gave a Radical majority of 11,000.

Connecticut gives the ballot to all white citizens of full age, one year in the State, four months in the county, and thirty days in the district.

Ohio—every white male citizen of full age, resident one year in the State, and six months in the county, excepting paupers, idiots, insane persons, and persons convicted of crimes excluding them from being witnesses.

Pennsylvania—every white free man resident one year in the State and ten days in the district.

Ohio—every white male citizen of full age, resident one year in the State, and five months in the District Court to be fit for citizenship.

Wisconsin admits every white citizen of full age; persons of Indian blood declared citizens by act of Congress and civilized persons of Indian descent; but the amendment to State Constitution to strike out the word "white" was rejected in November, 1865, by 8,059 majority.

Minnesota—the same as Wisconsin with regard to white citizens, and admits Indians certified by District Court to be fit for citizenship.

In November, 1855, the State rejected negro suffrage by 2,000 majority, and again in 1867, by